

I oppose loosening ownership restrictions, and ask you to retain the existing rules.

I am a musician, and am convinced that consolidation of broadcast ownership will result in a great reduction of opportunity for new musicians to be heard.

As fewer corporations own larger numbers of broadcasting stations, fewer people will be involved in their programming decisions. Thus, the tastes of these few will limit the music available on these stations.

Profit optimization and market share are foremost in the corporate mindset, at the expense of the arts. Increased consolidation will result in decreased artistic diversity.

Consider that increased consolidation in broadcasting, as in any other area of business, will result in increased unemployment - for many people, not only musicians. If there were only a single owner for all media, then the FCC itself would be jobless: that owner would set the rules.

Thank you.